

Jan. 12 - 18, 2014
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

A series of rollercoaster temperatures have greatly impacted waterfowl abundance across the state. Many shallow water areas still have ice but may open thaw by late week. Reports from many locations suggest we have lost birds. A strong cold front predicted next week will once again limit the amount of open water making hunting difficult.

Be safe and good hunting.

Location	Number	Species Composition	Comments
Ballard WMA	49,5000 ducks 660 CG 2,200 WFG	83% mallard, 10% gadwall, 6% ring-necked, remainder green-winged teal, shoveler, pintail and black duck and some divers.	Conditions as of today; Cold! Rollercoasterf temps all week. Shallow water frozen, protected deep water starting to freeze. Birds spread out through entire area. All birds on area in moist soil units. All units at full pool. Wells on in Terrel Field and relift 2 on sending water into Mitchell Lake to put water on new food.
Birdsville Island	No count		
Kentucky/Barkley Lakes	No Count		
Duck Island	No Count		
Boatwright WMA	16,060 ducks 71 CG	98% mallard, remainder pintail, gadwall and black duck.	Habitat on Boatwright WMA same as Ballard. Birds spread out from Swan lake, Burnt Pond, and Arrowhead lakes. Mass exit of birds since last week. MSUs still have abundant food. All units at full pool.
Doug Travis WMA	900 ducks	97% mallard.	River creeping back up, crest yet to be posted. Moderate ice present but hunting units are OK.
Clear Creek WMA	No Count		
Peabody WMA	249 ducks 135 CG 20 coots	30% mallard, 50% diver. .	Most shallow water is frozen. This past week saw a mass exodus of ducks off refuge.

Sloughs WMA	6,500 ducks 1,750 WFG 3,500 CG 200 SG	80% mallard.	Shallow water is beginning to thaw. Birds feeding in standing corn.
Yellowbank WMA	675 ducks	90% mallard, remainder black duck, gadwall and pintail	Birds on refuge. MSU's full with open water.
Hardin County	2,470 Sandhill Cr.		
Larue County	6 Sandhill Cr.		
Barren River Lake	No waterfowl count 6,185 Sandhill Cr.		Lake 531', 6" above winter pool
Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds)	No count		
Herrington Lake	4 CG		On sediment pond
Taylorsville Lake	No Count		
Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA	No count		
Green River WMA	No count		
Cave Run Lake	No count		